

# Indian River Inlet Bridge Replacement

## Public Information Workshop #4

Wednesday, August 20, 2003

### COMMENTS

#### 1. Regarding the proposed design for the replacement bridge, what do you like?

- The design is lovely. I particularly like the soft blue light at night. Also, the 12 ft. pedestrian walkway.
- Increased clearance.
- Beautiful design! Will be a tourist spot for years into the future.
- Everything.
- Everything.
- The avant garde design and the fact that it eliminates contact with salt water.
- For today: clean – quick – informative – good handouts. Bridge will be a great improvement, safer for pedestrians and drivers.
- The safe approach on both sides.
- Would like 2 shirts (Lg.) – spoke to engineer and she suggested writing request. (Richard & Audrea Penta, B-9 Kissam Rd., Peekskill, NY 10566)
- Everything – the nature beach look.
- Looks good. Bikers and walkers will be happy.
- Design color, lights & height. Nothing has been neglected.
- Very much so.
- Environmental abutments blend with nature, wide lanes, bike/pedestrian lanes, long deceleration lanes, increased clearance, shallower grade, remove power poles (to bridge).
- The arch design and how it fits in with the scenery.
- I like the overall proposal of all areas.
- Concrete pedestrian pathway, blue lighting.
- The bike path and walkway will be enjoyed by all children and adults, also much more safe and the beauty of the view will be the very best.
- It is good. It is a nice complement to the bridge over the C&D Canal.
- I like all of the design, every aspect was well planned.
- Everything – excellent job.
- Blue lights at night. Incorporating feel for the surrounding environment into design, on pedestrian pathway, the local “stuff” on the path.
- All of it.
- Bike & walk paths – large ones. Fits with the beach, can enjoy views. Will not need constant upkeep, no piers in water – can still fish.
- What’s not to like?
- The aesthetic design.
- I think the lighting is great!

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#### 2. Regarding the proposed design for the replacement bridge, what don't you like?

- No comment – all seems fine.
- The idea of traffic lights.
- Nothing.
- Concern over access roads – enough swing for RV's? enough lead time to turns?
- Has this been tested for structural endurance?
- Looks good. Reminds me of St. Louis. I saw the wood bridge go down and the current one go up. This will be a great improvement – for us and the visitors.
- I like everything about it.
- Prefer cable stay design like C&D Canal Bridge with precast concrete sections vs. casting in place.
- Nothing.
- You have done well.
- The center arch looks heavy or not having much style, but it will probably look good “in the flesh”.
- No problems.
- Where is the handicapped fishing pier? How wonderful that you're adding more fishing space for non-handicapped, but you are taking away the only one we have.

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#### **3. Regarding the proposed access roads to the park, what do you like:**

- All seems fine.
- Longer acceleration lanes.
- New location should make for less congestion on Route 1.
- Not sure.
- Best idea you could come up (with).
- Will it be easy for us locals to enter not just campers? We enjoy walking around in early evening.
- I like the no traffic light design.
- Pavilion lookouts.
- I appreciate that no traffic light is proposed.
- The safer distance for bridge surface park access roads is great.
- More safe, more eye appealing. Cleaner, less sand spread around.
- Fine.
- The approach will prevent traffic backup.
- They seem to be fine.
- The improvement over existing roads.
- Safety.
- Traffic should be better.

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#### 4. Regarding the proposed access roads to the park, what don't you like?

- No comment.
- Nothing.
- Road 50A running through campground.
- I am concerned about Route 50A. It currently floods during high tide – is this being corrected? Also, what will be our access to our homes during construction? Are we really going to drive under a bridge under construction?
- Don't really understand but steps for walkers don't seem too good for handicapped.
- I think the access road is well planned and accessible for all. A traffic light would create the same congestion you have on coastal highway between Lewes and particularly Dewey Beach (not enough traffic lanes).
- Access to & from marina, traveling north, is still dangerous looking.
- Nothing.
- The road westbound past the campgrounds on the south side is too low. It needs to be elevated 1 to 3'. The proposed "improvements" for pedestrian and bike access on the above road will only complicate the "traffic" problems currently being experienced in the private South Side Marina, where there is already too much trespassing by visitors to the state park.
- No problems.

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#### 5. Have you found the presentation of information at this workshop (Choices: Effective / Neutral / Ineffective)

26 - Effective      0- Neutral      0- Ineffective

#### 6. Do you have any additional comments that you would like to bring to our attention?

- Make sure that there is plenty of access for fishermen. They need to get to the water and on the rocks for fishing. Also, please keep the “old” ramp open with no electric for tenters and RV’ers who want to be on the water. If at all possible, keep the campground open during construction.
- Please keep access for fishing (along inlet banks) unobstructed when installing fencing. Please, if you put a fence the full length on both side, leave sufficient space(s) open for access for stripe bass fishermen.
- Do NOT under any circumstances add traffic lights to this section of Route One!
- DelDOT and DNREC are too be congratulated for a job well done!
- What will be done to stop the flooding on Road 50A? Will Road 50A be raised to include all the way to So. Shore Marina “Rockturn”?
- Yes, what will be done with 50A road with the flooding! Will road 50A be raised so that the flooding will stop – and will the road be raised to “include” all the back to So. Shore Marina.
- Thank you for keeping us informed.
- You need to provide recycling bins for the plastic bottles!
- RV parking on north side – should have full hook-ups. Depth of parking spaces need to be 55 to 60’. Pull-through sites.
- Please put in electric on northside (maybe dump too?)
- I fish mainly at night; how can you get close to the water with that fence up?
- I have none. Everything has been well planned.
- If you could keep the old (present) bridge instead of removing it, it could be used for fishing, foot/biking, coasting, views, etc. Many states do this but I realize the maintenance, construction variances and other factors may preclude this.
- I was a member of both charettes and I remember that we voted to “keep things simple” especially with regard to the sidewalks. I don’t remember voting for any features in the sidewalk.
- Want 2 pamphlets (Ella Hollerman, 149 Autumn Drive, Butler, PA 16001) (Alice Johnson, 542 Oneida Valley Road, Butler, PA 16001)
- We really enjoyed the presentation, very informative. The after buffet was so nice and enjoyable. Thanks for the pretty shells I was permitted to take home (at our Qwillens Rd. summer home).
- Helicopter landing both sides. Road between new & old park unsafe for kids. Cars going to south side parking stop on road stopping traffic.

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- It would be nice if there were more places people could access the bays for kayaking/canoeing and peaceful activities that do not disturb nature.
- I believe that everyone has done a wonderful job. Good work! The new bridge will make my ride to and from work a delightful sight.
- Keep on schedule – thanks.
- Hard to hear at some parts.
- Campground & access to fishermen are important. Fishing access day & night (all night).
- I believe it would have been helpful if you provided a mail address to enable forwarding of this form after review and analysis of the presentation material.
- What will be done with the old bridge?
- I most certainly do! Recently, I was at the beach here and used the restroom and was very upset when I discovered no soap to wash my hands. This is also very distressful since you have a restaurant here also. I noticed there is not even any container for soap. This is a health hazard! I hope on the park side improvements something can be done.
- We were told that the parking lot on the north side will be used for construction. Does this mean that for 2 to 3 years handicapped people will not be able to fish here? How very sad! Perhaps those who designed this have no handicapped family or friends – lucky you!!